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In re Application of  
David George Leppard, et al.  
Application No. 09/912,139  
Filed: July 24, 2001  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 10, 2005, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

Petitioners request, in effect, that the application be withdrawn from issue in accordance with the Letter of Express Abandonment filed December 14, 2004. Accordingly, the petition is being treated under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application has been withdrawn from issue and is expressly abandoned in favor of continuing application No. 10/894,773 filed July 20, 2004.

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